

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of forming an inlaid pattern in an asphalt surface comprising:
 - (a) providing a first template having a predetermined pattern;
 - (b) impressing said first template into said asphalt surface when said asphalt surface is in a pliable state to form an impression therein;
 - (c) removing said first template from said asphalt surface to expose said impression;
 - (d) providing a second template having a predetermined pattern at least partially matching the pattern of said first template;
 - (e) inserting said second template into said impression; and
 - (f) fixing said second template in position within said impression to form said inlaid pattern.
2. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of heating said asphalt surface prior to impressing said first template into said asphalt surface.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the step of fixing said second template in position within said impression comprises heating said second template after insertion of said second template into said impression to cause said second template to bond to said asphalt surface.
4. (Original) The method as defined in claim 3, wherein said second template is heated to a temperature within the range of approximately 100° - 400° F.
5. (Original) The method as defined in claim 3, wherein said second template is heated to a temperature within the range of approximately 150° - 350° F.
6. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template is formed into a thermoplastic grid prior to inserting said second template into said impression.
7. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1 ~~and~~ 6, wherein said second template is of unitary construction.
8. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template has a color contrasting with the color of said asphalt.

9. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises a light source for illuminating said second template after said template is fixed in position within said impression.
10. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template is luminescent.
11. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template is fluorescent.
12. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface is substantially flush with the surface of said asphalt when said second template is fixed in position.
13. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface is recessed below the surface of said asphalt when said second template is fixed in position.
14. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface projects above the surface of said asphalt when said second template is fixed in position.
15. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein second template comprises a grid pre-formed from a plurality of frame elements prior to inserting said second template into said impression, and wherein said pre-formed frame elements have a width less than 12 inches.
16. (Original) The method as defined in claim 15, wherein said frame elements have a width between $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and 2 inches.
17. (New) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said predetermined pattern is decorative.
18. (New) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said predetermined pattern is non-linear.
19. (New) The method as defined in claim 4, wherein said heating comprises passing a portable surface heater over an upper surface of said second template after said second template has been inserted into said impression.
20. (New) A method of forming an inlaid pattern in an asphalt surface comprising:
- (a) providing a first template having a predetermined pattern;
 - (b) after the preceding step, impressing said first template into said asphalt surface when said asphalt surface is in a pliable state to form an impression therein;
 - (c) after the preceding step, removing said first template from said asphalt surface to expose said impression:

(d) after the preceding step, providing a thermoplastic second template pre-formed in a predetermined pattern at least partially matching the pattern of said first template,

(e) after the preceding step, inserting said second template pre-formed in said predetermined pattern into said impression; and

(f) after the preceding step, fixing said second template in position within said impression to form said inlaid pattern by using a portable heater in proximity to said second template.

21. (New) The method as defined in claim 20 wherein the second template comprises a unitary grid of frame elements.

22. (New) The method as defined in claim 21 wherein each said frame element is between approximately 0.25 and 2.0 inches in width.

23. (New) The method as defined in claim 20 further comprising the step of re-heating the asphalt surface after forming the impression.

24. (New) The method as defined in claim 20 further comprising the step of pre-heating the asphalt surface by using a portable heater prior to the impressing step.